SIXTH DAY—*Thursday, 1st November 1928.*

Just before the commencement of regular business, MR. M. C. LINGE GOWDA brought to the notice of the Dewan that certain articles with questionable head lines which were meant to insult the members of the Assembly were published in the paper called "Tai Nadu." He said that such writings in newspapers belittled the prestige of the Representative Assembly members and compelled them to hide their faces in the public. He requested that necessary action should be taken to punish such papers for the reckless statements made by them.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MESSRS. B. GOPALACHAR, THUDKI RAMANNA GOWDA and KATTE DACAPPA, (Thirthahalli Taluk); B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA and T. S. MANGESHA RAO, (Sagar Taluk) and A. N. VENKOBA RAO (Kumsi Sub-Taluk).—

Q.—41. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number of grant-in-aid schools in the State excluding Mission Schools?

(*b*) Why the aided schools in the State have not been converted into Government institutions by giving effect to the Educational Memorandum *re* utilising the income-tax income for converting the aided schools into Government institutions?

(*c*) The number of grant-in-aid schools converted into Government institutions after the issue of the Educational Memorandum?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—41. (*a*) 1,660 schools.

(*b*) They are being converted with the help of State Funds and local resources in the shape of Education Cess Funds.

(*c*) 1,274.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Gopalachar.—

Are all the 1,660 schools to be converted hereafter?

Third Member of Council.—

The answer given is for the question asked by you. The figure represents the number to be converted.

Mr. Gopalachar.—

Is there any time limit within which the grant-in-aid schools are to be converted into Government schools?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. Gopalachar.—

Has any amount from income-tax been used for conversion of schools?

Third Member of Council.—

Income-tax forms part of the general Revenues.

Mr. Gopalachar.—

Why not give more grant from the State Fund?

Third Member of Council.—

It is being done.

Mr. Ramanna Gowda.—

Did not Government promise that the amount derived from income-tax would be utilised for conversion of grant-in-aid schools?

Dewan —

That is an old story. It is not so.

Mr. Ramanna Gowda.—

How many schools would be converted every year?

Third Member of Council.—

There is no such fixed programme. It is a question of funds and Government want to convert them as early as possible.

Mr. Ramanna Gowda.—

Is it not possible to convert all these schools immediately by using income-tax, Government funds, Education Cess, etc.?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. Ramanna Gowda.—

What is the number of schools converted with the help of Local Cess Funds?

Third Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. Krishnappa.—

Can you convert all the schools in five years?

Third Member of Council.—

We cannot say.

MR. C. SUBBANNA NAIK (Koppa Taluk).—

Q.—42. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether it is true that several petitions by the raiyats to the superior officers complaining against Doctor Vasudeva Rao in charge of the Hospital at Koppa Kasba were made, and that the District Medical Officer visited the place, made enquiries and took down statements of certain raiyats?

(2) What statements have those raiyats given before the District Medical Officer?

(3) At what time the statements were obtained?

(4) Whether any action has been taken by the District Medical Officer against the said Doctor after obtaining the statements?

(5) If no action has been taken, why was it not done?

(6) How long is it since the said Doctor Vasudeva Rao was transferred to Koppa?

(7) Whether he had any account opened in the Koppa Taluk Savings Bank?

(8) If any account had been opened, what was the amount monthly deposited by him ever since he opened the